

THE JINN WHO SERVED KING SOLOMON

The Names of the Demons Who Attended Solomon (*Sulayman*) Son of David – They Are Seventy

They [the demons] assert that Solomon son of David, for whom may there be peace, sat [in audience] and summoned the chief of the jinn and the devils, whose name was Fuqtus,¹ to review them. So Fuqtus taught him to know the name [of each demon], one by one, and also its influence over the sons of Adam. Then he [Solomon] imposed upon them a contract and a pledge. After he had adjured them by that pledge and they had complied, they departed. The pledges were [in] the name of Allah, Exalted, Mighty, and Magnified.² They [the demons] were:³ Fuqtus, ‘Mrd, Kywan, Shmr‘al, Firuz, Mhaqal, Zaynab, Syduk, Jndrb, Siyyar, Zanbur, al-Da’hs, Kawkab, Hamran, Dahir, Qarun, Shidad, Sa‘sa‘ah, Baktan, Harthamah, Takallum, Furuq, Hurmiz, Hamhamah, ‘Ayzar, Mazahim, Murrah, Fatrah, al-Haym, Arhbh, Khyth‘, Khyfth, Rayah, Zuhul, Zawba‘ah, Mhtukara, Hayshab, Tq‘ytan, Wqas, Qdmnh, Mufarrish, Ayra’il, Nizar, Shftil, Dywyd, Ankara, Khatufah, Tnkyush, Misalqar, Qadim, Ashja‘, Nawdar, Tythamah, ‘Usar, Thu‘ban, Naman, Nmudrky, Tyabur,⁴ Sahitun, ‘Udhafir, Mirdas, Shytub, Za‘rush, Sakhr, al-‘Aramram, Khashram, Shadhan, al-Harith, al-Hurth, ‘Udhrah (‘Adhirah), Faqruf.

The Names of the Seven Whose Offspring These [Demons] Were

The first was Danhash, the first day; [then] Shakhba, the second day; Marbaya, the third day; ‘Abara, the fourth day; Mismar, the fifth day; Namudarki, the sixth day; Bakhtash, the seventh day.⁵

-- Dodge, Bayard, ed. and trans. *The Fihrist of al-Nadim: A Tenth-Century Survey of Muslim Culture*.

¹ Fuqtus, also known as Quftus, is mentioned in Tabari, *Annales*, Part 3, p. 165, l. 17.

² “Exalted” is taken from Flügel.

³ It is possible a duplicate list to this may be found in some other book, but so far none has been discovered. The list contains 71 names, though the heading speaks of 70 demons. Perhaps the 70 are in addition to Fuqtus, the chief, or two of the names should be compounded together. MS 1934 gives numerous vowel signs and many of the names can be found in the dictionaries. Names which have no meaning and lack vowel signs are given with only the transliterations of the Arabic letters indicated. Some of the names are guesses.

⁴ MS 1934 separates Tyabur into two names, which would make the total name count 72, but the other versions make this one name.

⁵ Although most of the vowel signs are given in MS 1934, some are lacking so that the names cannot be transliterated accurately. Some references which mention a few of these names and explain the demons are Kisa’I, *Qisas al-Anbiya*; McCown, *Testament of Solomon*; Jawbari, *Al-Mukhtar fi Kashf al-Asrar*; Goeje, *ZDMG*, XX (1866), 485 ff.

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